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SPEECH OF HON. C. M. CLAY.

At eleven o'clock on Monday morning last, Hon. C. M. Clay commenced speaking in our court house in a very large audience, all of whom gave him the most earnest attention. He spoke two hours and a half, on the politics and politicians of the day, to the evident satisfaction of nearly the entire crowd.

Mr. Clay tells us he was originally a Whig, but left that party years before its death, and consistently advocated the cause of emancipation. He said that originally, the Republican party had honest men at its head, but latterly, new men, with new measures, had crept into and disgraced it. He said that the slaves were now free, and he sincerely rejoiced that he was now able to call them "fellow citizens," for in fact, during the past forty years, failed to make them such.

A report having gained circulation that Mr. Clay had been prohibited from speaking in this town years ago; he gave an emphatic lie to said report, saying that he never had been denied such privilege here, from the fact that he had never made any appointment to speak in Stanford, without filling it.

He regretted that Mr. Lincoln had been stricken down, as his services to the country would have brought about a lasting peace. He pronounced a high eulogy upon Mr. Lincoln, and said he was the best man he ever knew, without exception. He said he (Mr. Clay) was a Southern man, by birth, education, and feeling, and if the south fell, he would fall with her. That the policy of the present administration was to crush the people and the States of the South, and he was opposed to any such malignant government.

He said he had, all his life nearly, fought for the emancipation of the slave, not because he desired to deprive the owner of his slave property, but because he knew or believed that slavery was a bone of contention between the north and the south; and he desired that the late war should result in their emancipation to avoid future contentions on the same subject; believing, as he did, that so long as slavery existed, there was danger of war between the slaveholding and non-slaveholding States. Mr. Clay said that in the Radical ranks there were many leaders who had a deadly enmity to Kentucky, notwithstanding the fact that she had furnished her full quota of troops to the Union army, to fight her many battles for the preservation of the Republic. He declared it in his own opinion, that the general government never had power to abolish slavery in the loyal States.

He argued forcibly the sovereignty of the States; and said that when this is destroyed, the constitution itself will be destroyed. He said the Kuklux law was clearly unconstitutional, and a blot upon the statute books of the country.

Mr. Clay was particularly severe upon General Grant and his aids and abettors; and after citing some of his iniquitous acts, asked if any one present intended to vote for Grant. Whereupon a single voice responded, "I will!" Said Mr. Clay, are these things not the same voice answered "No." Well, said he, as Solomon says, "buy a fool in a mortar, and he will be a fool still." This of course brought down the house with a yell. It is needless to say that the solitary voter abroad was an office-holder under Gen. Grant's government.

His advice to the black men who were present in considerable numbers, was sound and sound, and would be heeded by them if their minds were capable of discrimination. He told them that if they asked for more than equality before the law, they would get much less. He advised them to at least divide their vote, and never to hinge their fate upon the success of any party, as the one was in the majority to-day, and to-morrow in the popular minority. That the sooner the colored race succeeded in getting their names out of politics, the better it would be for them.

ANOTHER HORROR.
The explosion of a steamer on Red river one day last week, adds another to that long list of horrors which have started the country from time to time. Like pestilential disease, these explosions on rivers, lakes, oceans and railways, come on one after another in quick succession, destroying life and property and filling hundreds of homes with mourning. It is reported that over sixty lives were lost in this recent disaster, and the boat cargo a total wreck and loss. What the real cause was, no one, perhaps, will ever know, but it will be said, doubtless, that "nobody was to blame." Of course not. Why should any one be? Engineers and pilots never go drunk—never go to sleep on their post. Are always go sober and attentive too, and careful, very, of human life. We do not say that any one really was to blame in this case, but it will be said, doubtless, that "nobody was to blame." Of course not. Why should any one be? Engineers and pilots never go drunk—never go to sleep on their post. Are always go sober and attentive too, and careful, very, of human life. We do not say that any one really was to blame in this case, but it will be said, doubtless, that "nobody was to blame."

Lexington Races.

The spring meeting of the Kentucky Association will commence Monday, May 13th, and continue during the week, with two interesting races a day. Capt. O. P.

Board has improved the track at an expense of \$10,000. The programme is out.

The preparations for the Liberal Republican convention in Cincinnati are progressing in a manner satisfactory to its promoters. Within the past few days Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Illinois have chosen delegates to represent them, composed of some of their leading citizens.

We cannot do more than refer to the mere outlines of Mr. Clay's speech; nor do we deem it necessary now, as we learn that the Cincinnati Enquirer will publish it in full. At the request of many of our readers, we will endeavor to lay it before them next week.

FIRE!
We give below a list of fires that occurred on Saturday last, which is perhaps a fair estimate of daily losses sustained by the people of this country. They are becoming more and more frequent. We scarcely glance over a paper that we do not find numerous accounts of destruction of property in various parts of the country.

We recommented to all our citizens to avail themselves of the safest protection against the devouring element.

Ninety thousand dollars worth of lumber destroyed by fire at Cedar Springs, Michigan. A \$12,000 fire at Toledo, Ohio. Philadelphia had a \$100,000 fire. Picton, Ontario, had a \$50,000 fire. Sixty houses burned at Elizabethtown, Jefferson, Indiana. The Metropolitan Paper Collar Company, at New York, lost \$300,000 fire. Are you insured?

Two buildings were destroyed by fire at Elizabethtown, Saturday afternoon.

HUMPHREY MARSHALL.

We had intended to note the sudden death of this eminent Kentuckian at the time of its occurrence, and should have done so except from the fact that all the other papers of our State, both daily and weekly, had long accounts of the dead affair. We now recall to mind the first time we ever looked upon his mangled and preprocessing form. It was during the exciting times of the beginning of the war with Mexico. War had been declared by the powers that be in our own country, against the ill-starred Republic. Union was in arms. Kentucky—never behind any one of her sister States, blazed with bonfires. Her drums were beating, and life made merry music to the tramp of her patriotic sons who are ever ready to respond to country's call and vindicate her honor. Volunteers from nearly all her counties were pouring into Louisville by companies, battalions and regiments. We were then a mere boy, and the sight of so much martial glory filled our young hearts with amazement. We then lived in Louisville, and at that time, old "Corn Island," now numbered among the things that were, had a local habitation and a name. Large forest trees and willows covered it. It was about three-fourths of a mile from the corner of Seventh and Water streets in that city, to the timber on the island. At the corner of this street was the first place upon which we ever saw General Marshall. An artillery company had come from Oakfield, where the Kentucky soldiers had camped, to experiment with a new cannon which had just been received from the armory (or perhaps made in Louisville by some foundry, we do not now remember). A large target had been placed over the land, and hundreds of citizens had gathered to witness the firing. The artillery chief had placed the gun in position for a shot, whereupon General Marshall stepped forward with the highest rank to which native talent and the most valiant learning can aspire; as a lawyer he had no superior; and his equals at the American bar; and as a statesman, his views were liberal and commendable, and his genius such as to challenge the admiration of the world.

At a meeting of the members of the bar of Frankfort, April 13th, 1872, Attorney General Johnson was elected president, and Hon. A. Duvall secretary.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. **Resolved.** That, as members of the Frankfort bar, we feel more than ordinary sorrow at the death of Gen. Humphrey Marshall, who was raised in our midst, and whose life has died so much faster upon the legal profession.

2. That a citizen General Marshall attained the highest rank to which native talent and the most valiant learning can aspire; as a lawyer he had no superior; and his equals at the American bar; and as a statesman, his views were liberal and commendable, and his genius such as to challenge the admiration of the world.

3. That we take of our regard for the memory of a great man, we will attend his funeral in a body.

4. That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the family of General Marshall, and that they be published in the newspaper.

JNO. RODMAN PRENTISS,
A. Duvall, Secretary.

The Kentucky Fairs.

The following dates are announced for several Fairs, the approaching season:

Mercer county, at Harrisburg, 1st

Jessamine county, at Nicholasville, 1st

Logan county, at Russellville, Wednesday, August 21st, four days.

Benton county, at Covington, Tuesday, August 21st, four days.

Marion county, August 27th four days.

Taylor county, at Paducah, Tuesday, August 21st, four days.

Lincoln county, at Frankfort, Tuesday, August 21st, four days.

McCracken county, at Paducah, Tuesday, August 21st, four days.

Monroe county, at Elizabethtown, Tuesday, August 21st, four days.

Warren county, at Lebanon, Tuesday, August 21st, four days.

Boone county, at Lebanon, Tuesday, August 21st, four days.

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Washington county, at Covington, Tuesday, August 21st, four days.

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